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HOW MUCH OPHTHALMOLOGY SHOULD A GENERAL PRACTITIONER KNOW.—WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CAUSE OF HEADACHES.*

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Lauder Brunton, in his classic essay on "Headaches," remarks: "Of all the kinds of pain which affect humanity, there is perhaps none which causes a greater amount of misery than headache. Although the pain of it may not infrequently be slight, yet the number of people affected by it, the frequency of its occurrence, and the intensity which it sometimes attains, raises the total amount of pain produced by it to such an extent that the means of relieving or curing it becomes a most important therapeutical question."

In the work of every busy medical man, headaches come frequently under observation. There are the headaches of adults, and the headaches of children. There are structural headaches, congestive headaches, toxemic headaches, and nervous or sick headaches. In many of these cases it is not difficult to arrive at a decision as to the cause of the headache—and that without any knowledge of ophthalmology. But in others, espe-

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